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Medical Claim

1. Identity A was assigned to [] and arrived there in January 1953. While there he experienced some illness and eventually returned to Washington in January 1954 for medical reasons. He has consulted us on a matter of his medical treatment in [] and the billings resulting therefrom.

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2. When he first required medical treatment in [], he went to Identity B, who was recommended by the Army dispensary. Identity B prescribed medication which Identity A states had a severely depressing effect on the heart. On describing this effect to Identity B, he then prescribed nitroglycerin which provoked a near collapse. As a result of this Identity A called Identity C, who, being in doubt as to the cause of these symptoms, sent Identity A to the Army hospital in [] for observation.

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3. Identity A tells me that he had some feeling that Identity B would not charge him for the treatment inasmuch as it appeared not to be the correct treatment under the circumstances. However, he has now received a bill from Identity B for approximately \$50, with a statement that if he does not get a response by 15 July he will get in touch with the American consulate and then if need be file suit. Identity A does not feel he should be obliged to pay under these circumstances and would refuse payment and perhaps even file a countersuit if left to his own decision. However, he has asked us if such refusal and countersuit would have any adverse effect on the organization as he does not in any way wish to bring any reaction because of his status.


4. Would you look into this matter and if possible try to settle the claim on the spot by indicating that Identity A does not feel he owes anything for this medical treatment and, in fact, feels strongly that he may have an action against Identity B. If this is not possible, would you send back word as to what effect there might be if Identity A refused payment.

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Identity A tells me that if you in  believe his refusal would be detrimental he will pay this bill. Anything you can do to settle this matter will be very much appreciated by everyone here. Incidentally, Identity A is writing to Identity B to put off the 15 July deadline.

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